

## Test Your Grammar Skills

How to Get from Bed to Work in 27 Easy Steps! – Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using an appropriate **past simple** verb:

- 1) I \_\_\_\_\_ up at 6.50am when I \_\_\_\_\_ the alarm clock.
- 2) I \_\_\_\_\_ out of bed and \_\_\_\_\_ it off before it \_\_\_\_\_ up all the neighbours.
- 3) I \_\_\_\_\_ on the light and the heater, because it \_\_\_\_\_ cold in my room.
- 4) I \_\_\_\_\_ the bathroom; then \_\_\_\_\_ for a clean shirt to wear.
- 5) I \_\_\_\_\_ into the kitchen and \_\_\_\_\_ the kettle on.
- 6) I \_\_\_\_\_ dressed and \_\_\_\_\_ my hair.
- 7) I \_\_\_\_\_ a shave and then \_\_\_\_\_ my bag ready for work.
- 8) The kettle \_\_\_\_\_ so I \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of tea; then I \_\_\_\_\_ TV for a few minutes.
- 9) I \_\_\_\_\_ all the curtains in my house and \_\_\_\_\_ my sandwiches from the fridge.
- 10) I \_\_\_\_\_ on my shoes and coat; then \_\_\_\_\_ that I hadn't \_\_\_\_\_ anything.
- 11) I \_\_\_\_\_ on the light in the hall because I \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ be dark when I \_\_\_\_\_ home.
- 12) I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the front door; then I \_\_\_\_\_ outside.
- 13) I \_\_\_\_\_ the front door and \_\_\_\_\_ a few metres to my car.
- 14) I \_\_\_\_\_ into the car and \_\_\_\_\_ the key in the ignition.

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- 15) I \_\_\_\_\_ on a tape and \_\_\_\_\_ up the volume.
- 16) I \_\_\_\_\_ in my mirrors; then \_\_\_\_\_ up the drive and onto the road.
- 17) I \_\_\_\_\_ for five miles until I \_\_\_\_\_ a traffic-jam.
- 18) I \_\_\_\_\_ in the traffic-jam for twenty minutes; I \_\_\_\_\_ forward slowly, a few metres at a time.
- 19) I \_\_\_\_\_ the tape in my car stereo, and \_\_\_\_\_ my fingers on the steering wheel.
- 20) I \_\_\_\_\_ on the radio and \_\_\_\_\_ to the news, followed by the weather forecast.
- 21) The radio \_\_\_\_\_ one of my favourite songs, so I \_\_\_\_\_ along loudly.
- 22) I \_\_\_\_\_ right into the road where I always leave my car. I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ off the engine.
- 23) I \_\_\_\_\_ out and \_\_\_\_\_ the door. I \_\_\_\_\_ my car door and then \_\_\_\_\_ for about twenty minutes.
- 24) I \_\_\_\_\_ a newspaper and a sandwich at the newsagent; then I \_\_\_\_\_ for work.
- 25) As I \_\_\_\_\_ the building I \_\_\_\_\_ “Hi” to the people I work with.
- 26) I \_\_\_\_\_ to my desk at about 8.50 am and \_\_\_\_\_ down my bag.
- 27) I \_\_\_\_\_ ready for another cup of tea and to ~~have a long nap~~ start the day!

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*Answers (some answers may vary - check to see if the sentence makes sense!)*

1. I woke up at 6.50am when I heard the alarm clock.
2. I jumped out of bed and switched it off before it woke up all the neighbours.
3. I switched on the light and the heater, because it was cold in my room.
4. I used the bathroom; then looked for a clean shirt to wear.
5. I went into the kitchen and put the kettle on.
6. I got dressed and brushed my hair.
7. I had a shave and then packed my bag ready for work.
8. The kettle boiled so I made a cup of tea; then I watched TV for a few minutes.
9. I opened all the curtains in my house and picked up my sandwiches from the fridge.
10. I put on my shoes and coat; then checked that I hadn't forgotten anything.
11. I left on the light in the hall because I knew it would be dark when I got home.
12. I unlocked and opened the front door; then I went outside.
13. I locked the front door and walked a few metres to my car.
14. I got into the car and turned the key in the ignition.
15. I put on a tape and turned up the volume.
16. I looked in my mirrors; then reversed up the drive and onto the road.
17. I drove for five miles until I reached a traffic-jam.
18. I sat in the traffic-jam for twenty minutes; I drove forward slowly, a few metres at a time.
19. I changed the tape in my car stereo, and tapped my fingers on the steering wheel.
20. I put on the radio and listened to the news, followed by the weather forecast.
21. The radio played one of my favourite songs, so I sang along loudly.
22. I turned right into the road where I always leave my car. I parked and turned off the engine.

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23. I got out and shut the door. I locked my car door and then walked for about twenty minutes.
24. I bought a newspaper and a sandwich at the newsagent; then I headed for work.
25. As I entered the building I said "Hi" to the people I work with.
26. I got to my desk at about 8.50 am and put down my bag.
27. I was ready for another cup of tea and to ~~have a long nap~~ start the day!

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